

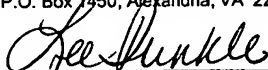
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A BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL FOR  
EXAMINATION WITH A MICROSCOPE  
AS WELL AS CORRESPONDING  
ARRANGEMENT WITH A BIOLOGICAL  
MATERIAL PREPARED IN SUCH A  
MANNER

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